



“Learning Together”



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26th April 2024

Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day Stall will be held on Monday 6th May.

All gifts will be \$5 each with a maximum of two per student.

We ask that each student please bring their correct money in an envelope with their name, class, and dollar amount to put in their class basket on the morning of the stall.

Thank you, DSPS Parents' Club

IMPORTANT DATES (See Class Dojo for More Dates)

Monday 6th May—Mother's Day stall

Tuesday 21st May—Division Cross Country (back up Thurs 23rd)

Tuesday 4th June—Tarago Winter Sports @ Bellbird Park (back up Thurs 6th)

Friday 7th June—Curriculum day (student free day)

Monday 10th June—King's birthday—public holiday



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a great start to Term Two, with many new learning experiences – especially for me. Firstly, I would like to thank you for your support over the past two weeks as I find my feet. We wish Mr Smith and his wife a very well-earned break in beautiful Italy.

New Staff Members

We are very lucky to have three new staff members working as part of our Education Support team. Our Education Support team play a crucial role in supporting staff and students to create an inclusive learning environment for all. We would like to welcome Hailey Roberts, Amie Sargent and Luke Cartwright to Drouin South and look forward to working with them.

ANZAC DAY Commemoration



Our school community came together on Wednesday afternoon to honour the sacrifices of our brave service men and women. Our student leaders led us in a commemorative service as we learned more about what ANZAC Day means. It was wonderful to see all of our students standing respectfully even when the rain started while each class laid wreaths and personal tributes at the flagpole.

Our student leaders then attended the Drouin Anzac march and service on Anzac Day with Mr Grimshaw and laid wreaths of remembrance at the cenotaph. We are very proud of them representing our school in such a respectful way. Thank you to all the students and families who attended.



Prep Information Evening and Open Morning

On 17th of May, our classrooms will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 for 2025 Preps and families, offering a glimpse into the learning environment at Drouin South Primary. Following this, on May 22nd from 7:00 to 8:00, we invite prospective 2025 Prep families to join us for an information evening session. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about life as a Prep student and ask questions. If you know of any families considering Drouin South Primary for their child's education in 2025, please invite them along.

Belinda Moore—Acting Principal

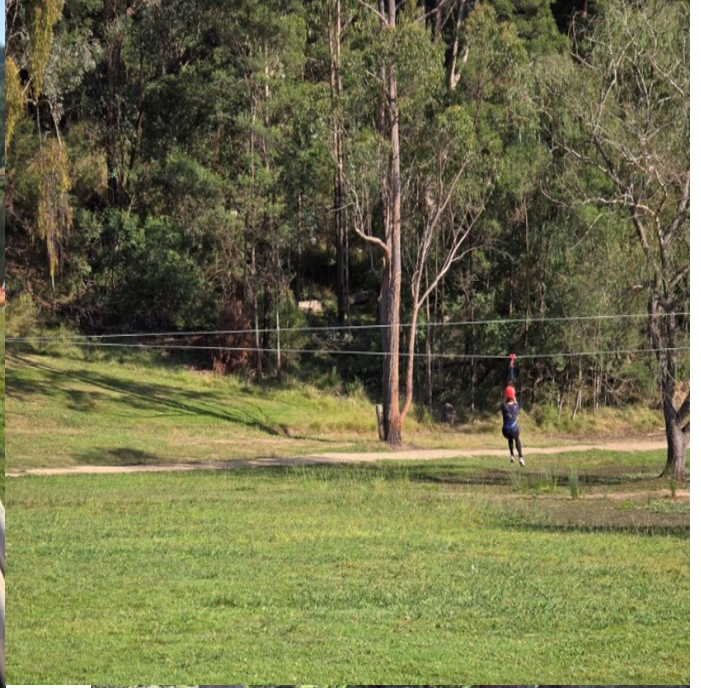
Drouin South Primary School Community acknowledges the Kurnai –Gunai peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and learn together. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.





Coonawarra Camp 2024





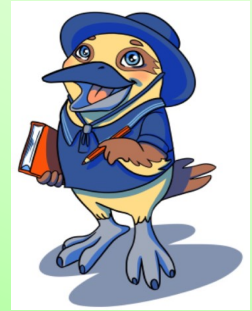
The Kookie Shop needs you!

We are seeking donations of new or clean and in good condition used items for our Kookie shop.

Items can be sent to school and given to Mrs Moore or the office.

Items such as books, toys, games, stationary etc. would be happily received.

Thank you for supporting The Kookie Shop!



I Will Find You - Daphne Benedis-Grab

No one wants to be in a cabin with Nicky at their school camp in the forest. He's known for his terrible pranks, affecting students and teachers alike, but also for his ability to avoid detection or punishment.

Grace is unhappy being separated from her best friend Mina, and she hates the unexpected change in cabinmates which includes Nicky. Olivia is even more put out at having to be so close to the boy who ruined her best friend's life, and in turn her own. Their last cabinmate is Leo who has his own problems without Nicky being in the same room.

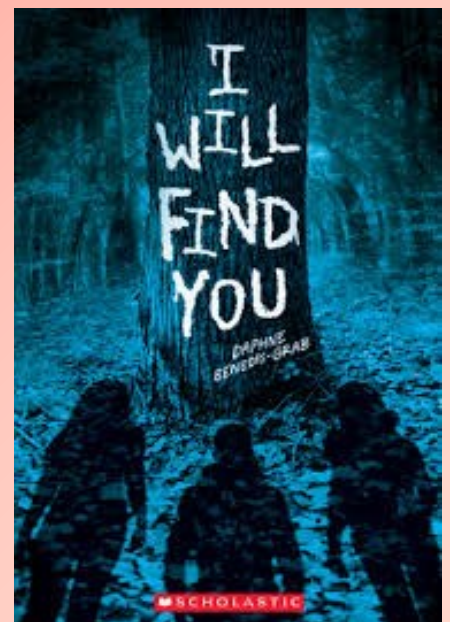
All silently vow to avoid Nicky as much as possible. They achieve this and go to bed on their first night at camp without having to speak to him. But when they wake the next morning – he is nowhere to be found.

Camp is cancelled, police are asking questions and the three people who saw him last are thrown together in a quest to find him. They all have their own reasons but aren't keen to share them. After all, Nicky was the worst of the worst at school, making other's lives terrible enough to even move away from their small town called Snowy Valley.

But this unlikely trio begin to uncover secrets about the town bully, and about others too. Is there more to Nicky, their town, and a seemingly endless list of people wanting their own revenge?

This is an engaging read which I finished in one sitting. There is more than just a mystery to this novel. School and friendship dynamics are a big part of the narrative, with peer pressure, blame, guilt and understanding all stirred in. The three main characters have their own viewpoints shared in alternate chapters, all as they pull clues together that the police missed.

Set in less than 24 hours, the plot is fast moving and immersive, getting to know the characters and revealing to them and readers that although you can share a classroom, school or town with a person your whole life, it is far from really knowing or understanding them. Where is Nicky? Was he kidnapped? Did he run away, or has someone finally achieved revenge on the school bully? This is the question that drives the whole story and grips the reader.



Find this and other great books in the DSPS library!

Age—11+

Review from whatbooknext.com

Drop off and Pick-Up – Car Park Safety

Thank you to the parents who have been following the safety guidelines around the drop off and pick up of students. Please refer to the guidelines below if you're unsure or missed this information on Class Dojo.

The after school (and before school) times are becoming busier as the numbers of students at DSPTS continues to grow. In order to put students' safety first and ensure a consistent approach to drop offs and pick-ups, we ask parents to adhere to the following procedures and guidelines.

Front Gate

Morning

- Please drop off students quickly and move on. If you are staying for any length of time, please use the car parks further away from the front gate so that others can quickly drop-off children and move on.
- All students must enter from the front gate (not the bus loop gate as this is only for bus travellers)
Please drop students at school between 8.45am and 9.00am as this is when teachers are officially rostered onto playground duty. Students are not supervised before 8.45am.

Afternoon

- Students will be walked down to the front gate by a duty teacher after school
- Parents are asked to collect students from the gate – not from inside cars
- Parents may come into the school grounds to collect students but are asked not to enter learning spaces/buildings
- Students (and parents) must only exit from the front gate where the duty teacher is (not through the bus gate)
- Parents coming into the school are asked to leave the carpark spots closest to the gate free for quick pick-ups
A teacher will be on duty until 3.30pm so please see the 3.15-3.30 time as a pick-up "window". Rather than being here at 3.15pm, it is quieter even 5 minutes later.

Basketball Court Gate

Morning

Parents and children may use the basketball court gate in the morning for school arrival.

Afternoon

- This is peak time and when most care is needed.
- A teacher will be on duty at the court gate

Parents must physically come to the gate to collect students. Students will be dismissed when they have shown their parent to the teacher. Students will not be dismissed on their own to walk across the car park area to their parent's vehicle.

Staff Car Park

- The staff car park is for school and Out of School Care Staff only.
- Parents dropping students to OSHC or picking up from OSHC can also use the car park.
The staff car park may not be used for general dropping off/picking up students.



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